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Surface Transportation Board
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November 21, 2017

RE: DHR Project File No.: 2017-3832-C, Received by DHR: November 13, 2017
Application No.: AB 400 (Sub. No. 6X)
Project: *Seminole Gulf Railway, L.P. - Abandonment Exemption - in Sarasota County, FL*
County: Sarasota

Mr. Assenza:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced project for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP). The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, as amended, and its implementing regulations in *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties*.

A review of the Florida Master Site File (FMSF) indicates that portions of the proposed project area have not been surveyed for cultural resources. The proposed project area contains a linear resource, Seaboard Air Line Railway (8SO2622). Portions of the resource within the project area have not been fully surveyed; however, the Seaboard Air Line was recorded during a 2005 survey (FMSF MS # 14992) and recommended by our office as eligible for listing on the NRHP. Because portions of the linear resource within the proposed project area have not been recorded, our office requests that a professional archaeologist or historic preservationist survey the unsurveyed portion of the linear resource within the proposed project area. Documentation should include background history, photographs, submission/updating FMSF forms(s), and any other information that can be used to assess the resource's eligibility for listing in the NRHP.

The Division of Historical Resources cannot endorse specific archaeological or historic preservation consultants. However, the American Cultural Resources Association maintains a listing of professional consultants at www.acra-crm.org, and the Register of Professional Archaeologists maintains a membership directory at www.rpanet.org. The Division encourages checking references and recent work history.

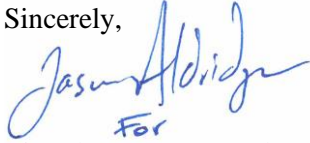
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If you have any questions, please contact Mercedes Harrold, Historic Preservationist, by email at *Mercedes.Harrold@dos.myflorida.com*, or by telephone at 850.245.6342 or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,



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